

CIA Aide to Head State Department Intelligence Unit

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Ray S. Cline, a 51-year-old key Central Intelligence Agency official for many years, was named yesterday to head the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research as of Nov. 1.

He succeeds Thomas L. Hughes, who has gone to London as No. 2 in the American Embassy.

This is the first time a CIA official has been named to the post although it once was held by an Army intelligence expert. The bureau, as State put it yesterday, is the department's "point of contact" with all other government intelligence agencies and Cline will be a member of the Board of National Estimates.

Post in Germany

Cline in 1962-66 was chief of CIA's intelligence division. He left that job to become station chief in West Germany, his current post, a few months before Richard Helms, who then was his co-equal as head of the operational division, was named the CIA director.

At the time Cline was reported to have asked for an overseas assignment because, for one reason, he found the then director, Adm. William F. Raborn, difficult to work with.

Both the State Department and Cline himself reportedly have worried lest the appointment appear to indicate a CIA supremacy in the intelligence field. The post is not subject to senatorial confirmation although it carries the rank of an assistant secretary.

The announcement acknowledged Cline's CIA connection by saying that since 1949 he had been "associated with various U.S. government agencies, including the CIA, here and abroad."

U-2 Overflights

Cline came to Washington in 1962 from Taipei, Taiwan, where he was instrumental in the U-2 overflights of Red China. He is a close friend of Chiang Ching-kuo, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's son and expected successor. His CIA post there was disguised as director of the U.S. Naval Auxiliary Communications Center.

A Ph.D. and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Harvard, where he

also earned his bachelor's and master's degrees, Cline has the analytical turn of mind Secretary of State William P. Rogers sees as needed in the post. The announcement noted that the bureau is "responsible for rapid analysis of current information on events around the world and for transmission of this information to the Secretary and chief policy makers" and is the "principal source of long-range forecasts and analysis of political, economic and sociological trends throughout the world."

Cline studied history at Oxford in 1939-40, was a Navy crypto-analyst in 1942-43, headed the current intelligence staff of the wartime OSS in 1943-46 and is described as having worked in the Army Historical Division in 1946-49. A native of Clark County, Ill., he is married to the former Marjorie Wilson and has two daughters.